

by stamping of feet, and very often disobedience at these times. E.g. at lunch the other day, she was asked whether she would have an apple or an orange ; she chose the orange and then immediately changed her mind and wanted an apple ; which when handed to her, she refused, and commenced crying and stamping her feet. Another example : she was playing in the garden with her doll's pram, while I was cutting the grass—suddenly she started crying—on being questioned as to what was wrong—had she fallen, or had anything frightened her—she refused to answer and continued to cry and scream for about an hour. Some time later on being questioned as to what was wrong, she told me she could not manage her pram on to the lawn. I tried to explain to her, that if only she had asked I would have helped her—but she evaded my reasoning/¹

3. " Almost the first little definite action was to throw out her hands and scratch or tear at anyone nearest her. Now at the age of twelve and a half months she is worse than ever. If anyone happens to touch a toy in her possession she immediately flings out to claw at them and if she cannot reach will scratch at her own face. Scolding does no good but produces a scene of screaming and kicking. This is not only done when her temper is aroused, sometimes while happily loving someone and stroking their face she will suddenly pinch and claw them in a most spiteful way. I am always afraid of holding her too near another child, for fear of his being hurt."

4. " Although she (aged 2;6) is very sweet-tempered and loving, she has lately developed the habit of smacking people—sometimes for no reason at all, or if only mildly annoyed. Or she will even smack her own head or try to twist her hand off, saying, ' Pulling hand off/ Even her beloved 'Teddy ' and ' Golly ' do not escape. They have lately been squeezed or pressed on the floor unmercifully, the accompanying remark

being ' Break Golly. Poor Golly ! ' These curious actions are not as a ride done very violently, nor is her voice malicious —though she sometimes grinds her teeth together/

5. "He (aged 20 months) now cries when anything he wants very much is offered him and rolls on the floor in a paroxysm of rage. It is most extraordinary as he has never been teased or repressed in any way/

6. " My little charge, aged four and a quarter, is a highly strung, nervous child. I find fault as little as possible, but when she has to be corrected she has a most puzzling way of behaving ; for instance—if I tell her in a very serious voice I am very displeased, she will come to me a few minutes